construction of new terminal building (31.43); Dehradun - Various upgradation works (48.2); Kolkata - Modification of International terminal building, construction of integrated cargo complex and strengthening of main runway (109.61); Bagdogra - Development of passenger terminal complex (13.47) and Tazpur - construction of New CAT complex & new apron (18.6).

Land for new airport at Chennai

2131. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu had offered 1457.5 acres of land free of cost to set up a new international airport in Chennai;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Airports Authority of India to acquire the land offered by the State Government of Tamil Nadu free of cost; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu had suggested that the new international airport in Chennai be located on the northern side of the existing main runway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) State Governmnet of Tamil Nadu has offered to Airports Authority of India (AAI) 583 hectares of land (1440 acres) free of cost and free from all encumbrances for development of a new International Terminal Complex and other related infrastructure on the northern side of existing airport at Chennai. AAI has conveyed its approval to the State Government of Tamil Nadu for acquiring this land.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Changes in Bangalore international airport Project

2132. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has suggested changes in the proposed greenfield airport's terminal building of the proposed Bangalore international airport at Devanahalli;

(b) if so, whether Government have suggested to take action to increase the capacity of new greenfield airport's terminal from 4.5 million passengers to 10 million;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) the present status of the proposed Bangalore international airport project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is a plan to extend the area of terminal building of the proposed Bangalore International airport as there is an increase in traffic from the earlier projections.

(b) and (c) The details of the plan & expenditure on the revised plan are being worked out.

(d) The Financial Close of the project was achieved on 23rd June, 2005 and the formal implementation of the Project has commenced on 2nd July, 2005. This project is likely to be ready for operation in April, 2008.

Advanced baggage clearance system at Bangalore Airport

2133. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers, on an average, check in at Bangalore Airport daily;

(b) whether advanced baggage clearance was installed in Bangalore Airport; and

(c) if not, by when it will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The average number of passengers passing through Bangalore International airport is 8491 per day comprising of 7456 domestic and 1035 international passengers.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected.

Revival of Cuddapah Airport

2134. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cuddapah Airport in Andhra Pradesh is under the control of Airports Authority of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that between 1985 and 1989 Vayudoot flights were in operation in Cuddapah Airport;